

State Portal Review Board
Conceptual Adoption of “Service Oriented Architecture”
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At its October 14, 2005, meeting, the Portal Steering Committee recommended that the State adopt a “‘federated’ governance and management approach to the development and maintenance of the State’s Internet presence.” That recommendation recognized the value of keeping most Internet development and maintenance activity close to individual business units responsible for program operations while deriving efficiencies from the development of “shared services” for functions that are common to most agencies (e.g., Identity and Authentication Services, Payment Processes, Collections Management, Hosting Services). In a shared services environment, a few individual departments would be assigned responsibility for developing and maintaining one or more of the shared services and making sure that those services are available to all other departments.

A shared services architecture can function effectively and smoothly only if there is a general State web enterprise architecture that defines at a high level how individual departmental web sites can interoperate with the shared services. To begin the process of establishing that shared services architecture, the Portal Review Board takes the following actions:

- **The Portal Review Board hereby approves in concept the development of a “Service Oriented Architecture (SOA)” to govern the shared services components of the State’s Internet presence;**
- **The Portal Review Board hereby refers the Draft Service Oriented Architecture (November 30, 2005) developed by the State CIO’s Enterprise Architecture staff to the Enterprise Architecture Committee of the Information Technology Council for its review, comment and approval; and,**
- **The Portal Review Board hereby declares its intention to begin the process of identifying departments which are prepared to take on the development of shared services pursuant to a Service Oriented Architecture.**